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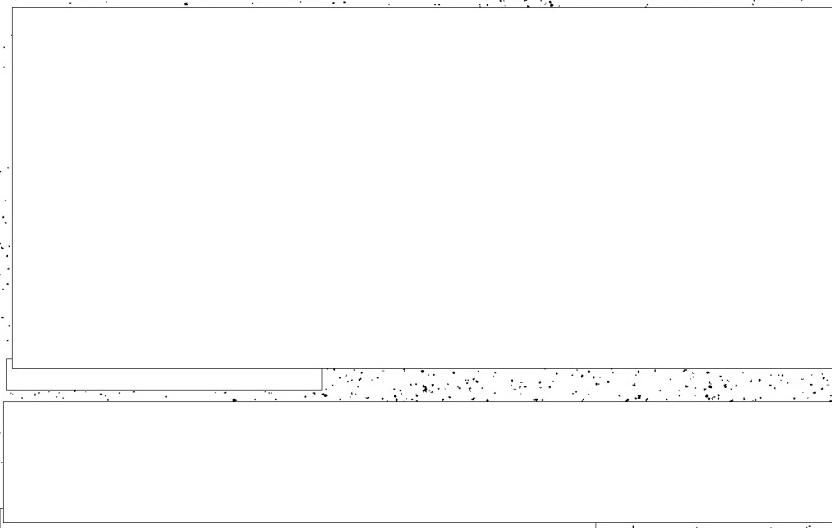
Arab guerrillas stage a new attack inside Israel.
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Greek military reinforcements in the eastern Aegean.

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CHINA

Wall posters in Peking are for the first time reporting armed clashes in the provinces. The posters claim that three armed clashes have occurred in Kiangsi Province over the last two weeks, and that more than 200 persons have been killed in similar disturbances "in recent years." The posters in Peking also accuse the leaders of four other provinces of suppressing the "true revolutionaries" and of sabotaging the anti-Lin and anti-Confucius campaign in their bailiwicks.

The authors of the posters appear to be members of "leftist" organizations. Over the past several years, many leftists throughout China have been squeezed out of leadership positions by military officials as well as by rehabilitated party cadre, whom the leftists originally helped purge. In some instances, factional groups in Peking may be encouraging these local tensions for their own ends.

As factionalism in the provinces has become more pronounced, so have calls for unity at the national level. The party's theoretical journal, Red Flag, recently carried an article specifically warning against divisiveness in the ranks. Invocations for unity have also appeared in People's Daily.

Sporadic and isolated violence has been part of the provincial scene since the Cultural Revolution, but it is still far from the level reached between 1966 and 1969. The dominant authorities in Peking seem determined at this point to keep provincial disturbances within bounds.

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Israeli army troops successfully stormed an apartment building that had been taken over by Arab terrorists last night in the Israeli resort town of Nahariya near the Lebanese border, according to press reports from Tel Aviv. The terrorists held the building for three hours, sporadically firing small arms and throwing grenades into the street below.

According to initial reports, three guerrillas and four Israelis were killed. The terrorist attack took place shortly after Israeli Premier Rabin had toured settlements in the northern part of the country where he vowed to continue war against Arab terrorists.

Tel Aviv will undoubtedly view this latest attack as further justification for its campaign against guerrilla camps in Lebanon.

NOTES

USSR: The Soviets last night successfully placed a Salyut space station in orbit. In a week or two, they will probably launch a manned Soyuz spacecraft to link up with the Salyut.

Greece-Turkey: The Greeks are apparently continuing to send military reinforcements to the eastern Aegean, pending a political resolution of their dispute with Turkey over oil rights in the area.

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Greece landed troops, weapons, and vehicles on the island of Kos in the southeastern Aegean on June 21. The US consul believes these troops and equipment may have come from Thessaloniki, where about 30 tanks were observed being loaded aboard three landing ships in the late evening of June 19.

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